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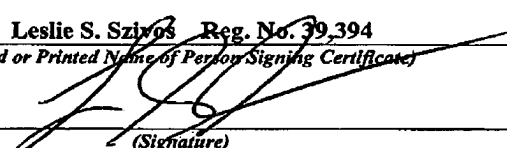
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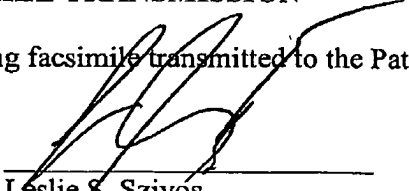
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2004, applicants submit that the claims set forth in Group I, i.e., Claims 1-22, and Claim 23 of Group II, have been cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment dated April 19, 2004. Applicants submit that the Preliminary Amendment was filed concurrently with this application, which application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/994,954, filed November 27, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,753,606, which application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/519,897, filed March 6, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,331,486. Applicants observe that the claims issued in the '486 patent are the claims within Group I identified in the present Office Action, while the claims that issued in the '606 patent are directed to Claim 23, one of the claims within Group II.

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Since applicants have cancelled the claims of Group I as well as Claim 23 of Group II, the present application is directed to the structure claims set forth in Claims 24-28.

Applicants submit that based on the above facts the Restriction Requirement imposed in the present Office Action is improper and does not apply to the present application. Applicants hereby request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and examine all of Claims 24-28 in this application.

Wherefore, consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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